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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: ZELLWEGER, Jürg International Application No. PCT/CH2003/000725 Serial No. NOT YET ASSIGNED International Filing Date: 6 November 2003(06.11.2003)

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For: SHUT-OFF DEVICE, ESPECIALLY AN EXPLOSION PROTECTION VALVE

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examining on the merits and calculating the filing fee for the national phase application filed herewith, please enter the following amendments in the captioned application:

## IN THE TITLE:

Please amend the title as shown in Attachment A.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 8, 10-12 and 14 to remove the multiple dependencies as shown in Attachment B.